IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A method for managing delivery of products that have been ordered, ~~including~~comprising:

~~an application accepting step of~~ presenting a screen which accepts delivery applications of the products with a provider of the products, and accepting applications on the screen for delivery of said products from a provider of said products;

~~an assigning step of~~ assigning application ID's to said applications;

~~a prompting step of prompting~~ presenting a screen which notifies a delivery recipient of the products, and accepting a designation of ~~to designate~~ delivery terms ~~by notifying said application IDS~~ on the screen;

~~a presenting step of~~ presenting said delivery recipient with a sreen displaying a list of the products scheduled to be delivered to said delivery recipient and said application ID's therefor;

~~a term accepting step of~~ presenting a screen which accepts ~~accepting~~ designation of delivery terms for the applications specified by said application ID's from said recipient, and accepting designation of delivery terms on the screen from said delivery recipient after orders of said products; and

~~a requesting step of~~ presenting a screen which displays ~~making a request for delivery by notifying a delivery business of~~ the products corresponding to application ID's for which the same delivery term has been designated, ~~of~~ the designated delivery terms, and ~~of~~ the delivery recipient with a delivery business.

2. (currently amended) A delivery management method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising ~~a group accepting step of~~ accepting formation of a group and designation of group members from said delivery recipient; and

said prompting ~~step~~ further ~~including~~ comprising a group notification ~~step of~~ giving notification of a list of products scheduled for delivery to other members of the group to which the delivery recipient belongs and the application ID's therefor.

3.   (currently amended) A delivery management method according to claim 1, wherein:

said ~~application accepting step~~ accepting applications further ~~including~~ comprises a ~~step of~~ accepting an application for delivery of a first product of said products and an application for delivery of a second product of said products;

said accepting designation of delivery terms ~~term application accepting step~~ further ~~including~~ comprises a ~~step of~~ accepting designation of a first delivery term of said delivery terms for the first product and designation of a second delivery term of said delivery terms for the second product;and

the delivery management method further ~~including~~ comprising:

~~a judging step of~~ judging whether prior to delivery of said first product, a second delivery term is designated for the second product; and

~~a term changing step of~~ changing the first delivery term set for said first product to the second delivery term set for said second product according to a result of said judging step.

4.   (currently amended) A delivery management method according to claim 1 wherein:

said accepting delivery applications ~~application accepting step~~ further ~~including~~ comprising a ~~step of~~ accepting an application for delivery of a first product of said products and an application for delivery of a second product of said products;

said accepting designation of delivery terms ~~term application accepting step~~ further ~~including~~ includes a ~~step of~~ accepting designation of a first delivery term of said delivery terms for the first product and designation of a second delivery term of said delivery terms for the second product;and

the delivery management method further comprising~~including~~;

~~a judging step of~~ judging whether the application for delivery of the second product is accepted prior to delivery of said first product; and

~~a changing step of~~ changing the second delivery term to the first delivery term according to a result of said judging ~~step~~.

5.   (currently amended) A delivery management method according to claim 1, further ~~including~~comprising:

~~a user judging step of~~ judging whether said delivery recipient is the party that ordered said products; and

a notifying step of notifying the provider of said products that the products specified by said application ID's have been purchased after said term accepting step, according to a result of said user judging step.

6.   (currently amended) A delivery management method according to claim 1, further including:

a user judging step of judging whether said delivery recipient is the party that ordered said products;

a cancel accepting step of accepting cancellation of orders for said products specified by said application ID's; and

a cancel notifying step of notifying the provider of said products for which the order specified by said application ID's has been cancelled, according to a result of said user judging step.

7.   (currently amended) A delivery management device that manages the delivery of ordered products, comprising:

accepting means for accepting applications for delivery of said products;

assigning means for assigning application ID's to said applications;

prompting means for prompting a recipient to designate delivery terms by notifying a delivery recipient of said application ID's;

providing means for providing to said delivery recipient with a list of the products scheduled to be delivered to said delivery recipient and said application ID's therefor;

a term accepting means for accepting from said delivery recipient designation of delivery terms for the applications specified by said application ID's after orders of said products; and

requesting means for requesting delivery by notifying a delivery business of the products corresponding to application ID's for which the same delivery term has been designated, of the designated delivery terms, and of the delivery recipient.

8.   (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium on which is recorded a program for executing the delivery information service method used in a delivery information service device wherein a plurality of user terminals, a plurality of delivery business terminals and a plurality of vendor terminals are interconnected over a network, said program executingoperative to cause a computer to execute:

a receiving step of receiving product delivery request information sent from a vendor terminal or user terminal, wherein said delivery request information includes a recipient of said products and whether delivery of said products have has been made;

a storing step of storing said delivery request information in a delivery request information unit;

an extracting step of extracting said delivery request information from said delivery request information storage unit, wherein extracted delivery request information is for deliveries that have not yet been made and the delivery recipient being the same as the delivery recipient included in said delivery request information received in said receiving step;

an acquiring step of acquiring a notification address of said delivery recipient from a correspondence table of notification addresses that are held having been corresponded matched beforehand with delivery recipients, in order to send notification to the notification address of said delivery recipient of said received delivery request information, of said extracted delivery-pending delivery request information, and of information prompting the input of desired delivery terms, such as desired date and time of delivery; and

a transmitting step of transmitting to a delivery business terminal of information giving instruction for delivery of the article for delivery to said delivery recipient in accordance with the desired delivery terms sent from said delivery recipient.

9. (currently amended) A delivery information service method including comprising:

step A: receiving a delivery request for an article is received, the received delivery request is stored in a storage device, and said storage device is searched and delivery requests for pending deliveries with the same delivery recipient as the delivery recipient of said delivery request are extracted;

step B: referring to an address table wherein delivery recipients and notification addresses have been corresponded matched beforehand is referred to and the notification address of the delivery recipient is extracted;

step C: notification is given giving notification to the delivery recipient notification address of said delivery request and of said extracted delivery-pending delivery request and prompting the recipient is prompted to input desired delivery terms such as date and time when receipt of the article scheduled for delivery is possible; and

step D: based on the desired delivery terms given in response, making instructions are made for delivery to said delivery recipient of the article scheduled for delivery, said instructions being given to a delivery business that has been designated by the desired conditions or that matches said desired conditions.

10. (new) A method for processing for delivery of an item, comprising:

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accepting at a computer delivery terms of the item wherein said delivery terms are entered by a prospective recipient of the item after the item has been ordered.